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1. On 15 October, 1953, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne still quartered about 900 soldiers. In mid-September 1953, 203-mm single-load howitzers from the barracks installation toward the rolling mill. 25X1
 2. On 10 October 1953, 60 trucks and 15 half-track vehicles were in front of the motor vehicle storage sheds on the northern edge of the barracks yard in the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg. they were distributed to the units during the following days as, in the afternoon of 14 October 1953, the site on the northern edge of the barracks installation was empty and groups of vehicles which had not been there before were in front of the individual storage sheds. During the night of 12 October 1953, 25 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns arrived at the Flak Kaserne and were stored on the southern edge of the barracks yard. From 13 to 23 October 1953, activities observed inside the barracks installation included policing maintenance work on vehicles and guns. All barracks buildings were lighted during the night of 13 October 1953. 25X1
 3. During the night of 9 October 1953, one building of the Infanterie Kaserne and rooms on the second floor in another building were lighted.
 4. On 10 October 1953, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia trucked rations to the Artillerie Kaserne from a car at the Altstadt railroad station.
 5. On 20 October 1953, the Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg still quartered an estimated 650 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. no training activity in the barracks installation. The unit was still engaged in policing and reconditioning work. Motor vehicles entering the barracks installation between 15 and 20 October 1953 25X1

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6. On 20 October 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg still quartered 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epuletts with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 13 October 1953, several squads were at training with 120-mm mortars in the barracks yard of the Infanterie Kaserne.

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7. On 20 October 1953, the Plak Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied to about 75 percent of its capacity by about 900 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 13 October, several groups of 18 to 20 men were at training with five 100-mm AT guns in the installation. Minor detachments of about equal size daily left the barracks installation toward Aredo. On 13 October 1953, [redacted] 28
[redacted] which was occupied by about 20 soldiers and towed a 57-mm 28
AT gun, left the barracks installation. On the same date, 16 trucks and 28
12 armored scout cars [redacted] 28
[redacted] in the barracks installation. [redacted] 28

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8. On 20 October 1953, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne still quartered about 950 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia. In mid-October 1953, no training activity was observed in the barracks installation. Groups of 18 to 20 men who carried signal equipment marched from the barracks installation toward Goerden. Motor vehicles identified at the installation included caterpillar tractor [] trailer []

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9. In early October 1953, the construction of a brick storage shed, 27 x 14 meters, was commenced on a clearing in Jagen (forest section) 9 near Brandenburg. The outer walls of the building were about 3 meters high and the gable was about 4.5 meters high. Its floor was covered with a concrete layer, 25 centimeters thick. A door, 5.5 meters wide and 3 meters high, was on each gable side. A fence around the shed and the clearing was under construction in mid-October 1953. The order for the construction of this building was placed by the artillery unit at the Brandenburg post.

1. Comment. Previous information on the return of troops from summer training and the present report indicate that, prior to 20 October, the individual barracks installations quartered the following units:

Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne: 124th Hvy How Arty Brig (US).

Flak Kaserne: 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US). It is believed that that unit of the brigade which returned from maneuvers on 12 October is the unit which same 25X1
leaving on 8 October. 25X1

Pioneer Kaserne:	63d Gas Tank Bgt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.
Infanterie Kaserne:	299th Gds Mort Regt and 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

2. Comment: Jagen 9 is northwest of Brandenburg, directly east of the target ranges near Goerden.

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